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Applicant: Alani, *et al.*

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled IMPROVED PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS are the following:

1. Amendment and Response with Marked-Up Version of Claims (32 pages);
2. Associate Power of Attorney;
3. Request for Three-Month Extension of Time, in duplicate; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025.



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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2002, for three months from November 10, 2002 to February 9, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$920.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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